



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mike W. Makerov
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Re: Haystack Mines Site
Notice of Work Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Makerov:

Pursuant to Section VIII of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal (Settlement Agreement), Docket No CERCLA Docket No. 09-2017-02 and CERCLA Docket No. 06-02-17, pertaining to the Haystack Mines Site (the Site) in the Baca/Prewitt Chapter of Navajo Nation, McKinley County, New Mexico, EPA hereby notifies Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) that EPA has received, reviewed and approves the Work Plan submitted by BNSF on July 27, 2017. EPA would like to include an addition to the Work Plan in reference to the waste consolidation activities, requesting that BNSF research the feasibility of using "haul shafts" located in the area as possible waste consolidation location(s).

EPA appreciates the cooperation extended by Respondents to this removal action. If you should have any further questions please contact Kenneth B. Rhame at (505) 901-1653, or for legal matters, Sarah Mueller at 415-972-3953.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Rhame

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U.S. EPA, On-Scene Coordinator